



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Atlanta, Georgia 30345



IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS-2019-00420

June 14, 2019

Jimmy Tobias
The Guardian
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, Massachusetts 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Tobias:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request, dated February 7, 2019. In your request, you asked for:

- *Any written or electronic communications, including email attachments, text messages, and instant messages, between Assistant Regional Director Leo Miranda (or his executive assistants) and any representative, employee, agent, or owner of one or more of the following entities:*
 - *Alico Land Development, Inc*
 - *Barron Collier Investment, Ltd*
 - *Collier Enterprises Management, Inc*
 - *Consolidated Citrus Limited Partnership*
 - *English Brothers Partnership*
 - *Half Circle L Ranch LLP*
 - *Heller Bros. Packing Corp*
 - *JP Ranch I, LLC*
 - *Owl Hammock Immokalee, LLC*
 - *Pacific Land, Ltd*
 - *Sunniland Family Limited Partnership*
- *This request seeks records produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed*

Response

We are writing to respond to your request. After a thorough search of our files, it has been determined that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has no records responsive to your request.

Jack Arnold, Deputy Assistant Regional Director, is responsible for this denial.

Appeal Rights

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information

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Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.
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Washington, DC 20240

Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339
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The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Cathy Willis, Chief Branch of FOIA, Records, and Privacy, at (720) 425-5173.

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Larry Lee, Ecological Services Government Information Specialist, by phone at (404) 679-4109 or by email at larry_lee@fws.gov. Thank you for contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,

6/14/2019

X Tiffany McClurkin

Tiffany McClurkin
Region 4 FOIA Coordinator
Signed by: TIFFANY MCCLURKIN